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between Beirut and Addis Ababa  
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1. The Ethiopian Ministry of Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones has nearly completed negotiation of an official agreement with the Lebanese Government and Radio Orientale for the opening of a new radio circuit between Beirut and Addis Ababa. Testing has been completed, and reception has been satisfactory.
2. All present radio traffic to Europe and Asia from Addis Ababa is relayed through Djibouti. Under the new arrangement all traffic for Europe and Asia, excepting that to France and the French colonies, will be handled on the direct Beirut-Addis Ababa circuit. French traffic will continue to go through Djibouti.
3. According to source, the new circuit is being opened in order to reduce delays in transmission, reduce reception difficulties and afford the Ethiopian Government more favorable financial terms than the present ones.
4. The present volume of traffic is as follows:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Sent</u>	
North America	450	275	Messages per month
Europe	3,900	4,000	" " "

5. Traffic with the Soviet Union, originating and received entirely by the Soviet Legation in Addis Ababa, is as follows:

<u>Month</u> <u>1943</u>	<u>Received</u> Messages	<u>Groups</u>	<u>Sent</u> Messages	<u>Groups</u>
June	17	161 (?)	15	820
July	26	1,723	27	81
August	31	1,174	24	

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